

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This radical partisan move contradicts the public interest. But because Sinclair is a large national corporation with no real presence in or commitment to the markets where it broadcasts, they are not really answerable to the communities they affect in any way.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.